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We have received a Corrected Filing Receipt in the above-referenced U.S. patent application.

The "Assignment for Published Patent Application" is shown as "Frank R. Agovino" whereas the correct information is "Maritz Inc."

The Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant is missing. In accordance with the application transmittal letter, copy enclosed, and Preliminary Amendment A, filed December 7, 2000, copy enclosed, the priority data should read as follows: "This application is a continuation of Serial No. 08/969,093, filed 11/12/97, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/620,041, filed 3/21/96, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/408,690, filed 3/21/95."

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Applicants' attorney notes that he is unable to access the record for this application via PAIR as evidenced by the attached printout. Applicants request that this problem be resolved.

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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application,
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REMARKS

Applicant notes that it has been 14 months since the filing
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